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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT <u>Allied Personalities in Russian Forced Labor Camps</u>			
AREA REPORTED ON INTA, USSR		FROM (Agency) 7050th AISW (USAF)	
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SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)			
I. <u>PREAMBLE:</u> While SOURCE was interned in Forced Labor Camp # 380/5, Pt 10, Report B, in INTA (coordinates unknown) from Jan 49 - Feb 49 and in Forced Labor Camp # 388/11, Pt 15, Report B, from Feb 49 to Jul 53 he occasionally talked to persons who claimed to be of British or American nationality. Information contained in this Report is based on SOURCE's observations made during these conversations, unless otherwise stated. II. <u>ALLIED PERSONALITIES IN RUSSIAN FORCED LABOR CAMPS.</u> SOURCE stated that he spoke to the following persons, interned in the same forced labor camps as he, while interned in INTA: 1. BLESSENS, Erich, estimated year of birth 1917, 1.67 m tall, stout figure, red-blond hair, reddish face, wearing normal prisoner clothes, treated as an ordinary prisoner. SOURCE saw this man in Forced Labor Camp # 388/11, Pt 15, Report B, occasionally and stated that he spoke good English and badly German. He told SOURCE that he was a Scotchman. SOURCE heard from a fellow prisoner who was in the same cell as BLESSENS in a prison in POTSDAM (5224N-1304E) that BLESSENS was a deserter from the British Army in GERMANY and that he came to Forced Labor Camp # 388/11, Pt 15, Report B, in 1948. BLESSENS was still in this camp when SOURCE was transferred in Jul 53. The reason for BLESSENS's imprisonment and the length of the sentence was unknown to SOURCE. BLESSENS worked as a miner in Coal Mines, Pt 8, Report B. 2. MILLER-VON SEYDLITZ, Alexander, born in 1922, 1.80 m tall, slender figure, black hair, SOURCE met him on the way from MOSKVA (5545N-3735E) to INTA and stated that this man spoke fluently English and German, he told SOURCE that he was an American and that he was employed with American Counter Intelligence Corps in WIESBADEN (5007N-0813E) or FRANKFURT AM MAIN (5009N-0841E). He told SOURCE that he was caught by the Russians while visiting the Russian Zone of Germany where he was involved in a case connected with the escape of a minister of the Saxonian Government to Western Germany in 1948. MILLER-VON SEYDLITZ told SOURCE that he was sentenced to 25 years of forced labor because of espionage according to paragraph 58/6/2 of the Russian law. SOURCE stated that MILLER-VON SEYDLITZ was still in Forced Labor Camp # 388/11, Pt 15, Report B, when SOURCE was transferred in Jul 53. He wore the normal prisoner clothing and was treated as a normal prisoner. SOURCE stated that this man had many friends in the camp and managed to avoid work all the time. When he was sent to work during the first time he was in the camp he refused to work and afterwards found a friendly physician who certified that he was unfit to work. SOURCE was unable to give further identification details. SOURCE stated that he met 2 French women on the prisoner transport train from 0 INCL.			
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MOSKVA to INTA. One of them could speak little German and told SOURCE that they were arrested in BERLIN (5230N-1330E) in 1948 and that they were sentenced to an unidentified time of forced labor, reason unknown. SOURCE gave the following description of the woman who spoke German: about 26-27 years old, 1.67 m tall, slim, black hair, dressed in a beige summer dress, and wearing brown leather shoes, further details unknown. The other woman was about 30 years old, 1.62 m tall, stout figure, black hair, dressed in khaki trousers and a khaki Army style jacket, wearing brown leather shoes. SOURCE stated that these women were brought to Forced Labor Camp 388/5, Pt 10, Report B, where he saw them last in Feb 49.

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